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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND ARGENTINE RATIFICATION OF TREATY
OF TLATELOLCO

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS SEPT 11, FONSEC
DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS,
AMB. SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG), WHO HAD JUST RETURNED
FROM MEETING IN GENEVA, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH GOM HAD NOT
YET RAISED WITH USSR QUESTION OF REFRAINING FROM REPETI-
TION OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR TRANSIT (REF B),
HE WOULD SOON REQUEST MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA,
ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES, TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH SOVIET REP-
RESENTATIVE. RECOGNIZING THAT CONGRESSIONAL SENSITIVITIES
MIGHT BE GENERATED BY REITERATION OF SOVIET STATEMENT
DURING SENATE HEARINGS ON U.S. RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL I,
HE CONFIRMED GOM WILLINGNESS TO TRY AND CONVINCE USSR THAT
REAFFIRMATION OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT IS UNNECESSARY
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BECAUSE IT ALREADY RECORDED ITS POSITION AT MOSCOW SIGNING
OF PROTOCOL II.

2. GG SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION WHEN SOVIETS WOULD RATIFY,
BUT HE RECOGNIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING GARCIA CON-
TACT SOVIET REP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO TRY AND
HEAD OFF REITERATION OF SOVIET STATEMENT. WHILE OFFERING

TO COOPERATE TO THIS EXTENT, GG MADE IT CLEAR THAT MEXICO AS TREATY DEPOSITORY SHOULD NOT TAKE SIDES OVER ISSUE OF NUCLEAR TRANSIT. HE REITERATED THAT MEXICO HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR TRANSIT AS A NATIONAL POLICY AND THAT, CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY, II GOM WERE FORCED TO TAKE SIDES ITS POSITION WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER TO SOVIETS THAN TO USG. (THIS POSITION IS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT GG TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES DURING CONSULATIONS HERE AND IS PROBABLY MORE ACCURATE REFLECTIONS OF MEXICO'S POSITION.) GG ALSO FELT THAT USG SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING THIS ISSUE WITH SOVIETS.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION SEPT 7, OPANAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, JAVIER CURENO, TOLD EMBOFF THAT ARGENTINA HAS NOT YET RATIFIED TLATELOLCO TREATY, BUT OPANAL HOPES IT WILL DO SO PRIOR TO OCT 16 MEXICO CITY MEETING TO DISCUSS ADHERENCE OF GUYANA. ONCE ARGENTINA AGREES TO RATIFY, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE QUESTION OF A WEEK OR SO BEFORE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO CITY IS AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY GOM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC CEREMONY "AFFIRMING" ARGENTINE RATIFICATION.

4. EMBOFF ASKED CURENO WHETHER OPANAL HAD ANY NEW INFORMATION RE SOVIET RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL II OR SOVIET INTENTIONS REGARDING REITERATION OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT. HE REPLIED NEGATIVELY, BUT AGREED TO CONVEY EMBAS-
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SY'S INTEREST TO OPANAL AMBASSADOR GROS ESPIELL (WHO IS TRAVELLING OUTSIDE MEXICO AND NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL END OF THIS WEEK). CURENO SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT AMB GROS WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY AS SOON AS HE HAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON TIMING OF SOVIET RATIFICATION OR ITS INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT. LUCEY

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